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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM  
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Dear Sir:

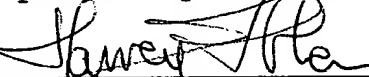
Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on March 25, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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